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In re Patent Application of:

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD, AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM

Examiner: P. L. Edwards

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2005 (Paper No. 20050331), finally rejecting claims 1-14, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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